

Sagebrush Cellular Build-Out

Sagebrush Cellular is vastly improving cellular coverage throughout northeastern Montana.

Sagebrush Cellular, Inc. has completed an extensive cellular build-out resulting in 16 new cell sites and upgrades to four existing cell sites. This increased the total number of Sagebrush cell sites in the Nemont Telephone area from 32 to 48.

Each of the new cell sites is a digital-only cell site with antennas atop a self-supporting steel tower. The upgrades are either digital equipment upgrades or taller towers for existing cell sites.

Eight sites west of Billings have been activated near Aberdeen, Benteen, Crow Agency, Hardin, Indian Creek, Lodgegrass, Toluca, and Wyola.

The locations of the new sites in the Nemont Telephone Cooperative area are Bainville, Brockton, Buggy Creek (between Hinsdale and Glasgow), Dagmar, Frazer, Froid, Fort Peck (downstream area), Glasgow (in town), Medicine Lake, Nashua, Outlook, RY (between South Flaxville and North Poplar), Scobey (in town), Sleeping Buffalo (west of Saco), South Flaxville and Tule Creek (between Wolf Point and Poplar).



New taller towers were built for existing sites near Scobey (east of town), Glentana and Reserve. The repeater at Redstone was upgraded to a full cell site.

Sagebrush Cellular's build-out has resulted in a significant improvement in handheld digital cellular coverage in northeastern Montana. Digital cellular technology has a number of advantages over analog service including improved voice quality, longer battery life, enhanced call encryption and security, data applications such as text messaging, and the ability of cell sites to handle a greater volume of calls.

Sagebrush will continue to build additional sites to enhance service even further.

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